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Common Crafts

Milana Lakovych, worked on a bracelet at the Ukrainian Cultural Festival on the Town Common Sunday. Aside from bracelets, children also were able to make flower crowns. See more photos from the festival on page 8.

Photo by Sam Paul

Funway Park Getting Some Much-Needed Improvements

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council received a presentation regarding Funway Playground on Nelson Road during its May 20 meeting.

They received a briefing from Assistant Recreation Director, Doug Cole, that the playground has been brought up for being in need of updates “as well

as issues that have been brought up to our department’s attention.”

Administrative Support Coordinator, Kirsten Hildonen, said that they reached out to Primex, who have a certified playground inspector on staff, and she came out to do a playground inspection with them on April 29.

“Overall she had an extremely favorable

opinion of the playground. She said it was great,” Hildonen said, explaining that almost everything was in good shape.

Moving forward, Hildonen stated that they are going to work with Primex on an annual basis to have inspections done, and then respond to their feedback each year. She also

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Superintendent Defends High School’s National Ranking

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board heard from Superintendent, Dan Black, regarding the U.S. News & World Report Rankings during its May 21 meeting.

“As we message every year, the U.S. News & World Report Rankings do not accurately capture the academic options and emphasis at Londonderry High School,” Black wrote in a memo.

According to this year’s scorecard, Londonderry ranked 37 out of schools across the state, and 6,945 nationally.

The scorecard is based on a number of different metrics, including taking at least one AP exam, passing at least one

AP exam, math, reading, science proficiency, and graduation rates.

According to the report, 24% of students took at least one AP exam, 17% passed at least one, the math proficiency rate was 43%, 67% of students were proficient in reading, and 35% for science. The graduation rate, according to the report, was 91%.

But Black said he doesn’t think it’s a fair representation of how the School District is actually doing.

“The biggest issue with their system is they only give credit on their scorecard around AP and IB exams as a measurement of being college ready,” Black wrote in a memo. “However, many of our families and grad-

uates have found that our dual enrollment classes not only prepare them for the rigors of college, but saves them money in the long term because they can apply those credits towards college graduation.”

He said the “US News & World Reports does not make room for this valuable program we use extensively in Londonderry.”

“For example, for the class of 2023, there were 191 students that took at least one dual enrollment class and passed it,” he wrote in a memo. “That would be a 59% swing in both those two categories in the rankings scorecard. 80% and 73% would put us in a

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Residents Voice Support for Warrant Article 20

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Over the course of the past few Town Council meetings, the council has devoted a portion of Public Comment to discuss a number of petition warrant articles that had overwhelming support in the Town Election in March of 2024.

The articles were created by former Town Councilor and Newspaper Publisher, Deb Paul, and each of them were made “advisory only” during the Deliberative

Session.

There were five articles approved during the election and all five were approved by significant margins.

In previous meetings, the council suggested some of the articles would require “opening the Town Charter,” a process that would take at least two years.

On Monday night, June 3, Article 20 was discussed. The article would require all official town meetings to be recorded and scheduled at a time most conven-

ient to the general public.

Paul spoke in favor of implementing the article, saying that the reason she proposed this particular one was because of the conflict that is sometimes created

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Funway

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noted that staff would be doing monthly

inspections, and will address issues that come about, such as graffiti.

Cole said they were looking to make a num-

ber of short term repairs to the playground, following the inspection being completed, to include bench repairs, which have already been

completed.

For equipment, he said they were looking to replace two climbers, which are \$2,500 each, and the yellow rocker, which is \$4,500.

To make repairs to the fence/gate, it will be approximately \$1,350.

The other item they are looking to do is to make repairs to the playground surfacing, which would cost \$8,184 if they have a company spread it, versus \$3,500 if they are able to get enough volunteers to do it.

Cole stated that in their budget, they were able to afford 60 yards of surfacing material, but they need 175 more yards to meet the state and national standards.

"We are going to work to align our budget with the actual cost of our maintenance as we look ahead next year," Cole said.

The plan is to also have annual cleanups at the park during the spring and the fall, in order to give people a chance to volunteer who

may not be able to do so otherwise, Hildonen explained.

It was noted by Hildonen that they haven't set a date for their spring clean up, noting that they wanted to see if the Town Council would approve letting them go with the spread option or not, that it would impact when it would make sense to have the cleanup day.

In total, the projects would cost between \$14,350 and \$19,044.

Assistant Town Manager, Kellie Caron, stated that they were recommending use of up to \$20,000 in American Rescue Plan Act Funds.

The Town Council ultimately gave its blessing to allow up to \$20,000 in ARPA funds to be spent on the project, with the preferred option to have volunteers help with the spread in order to have the cheapest option. The up to \$20,000 amount would allow them to move forward with paying to have it spread if they need to.

Moving forward, Cole said they want to hear about any concerns people have about recreation in town, saying that people can either contact the Recreation Department directly, or by attending a Recreation Commission meeting.

"You see a problem, we want to know," Cole said.

School

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very different place within the state and acknowledge the hard work that goes on in Londonderry High School around dual enrollment classes."

Black did say they will see better results next round "due to our ability to access funding for testing fees for more of our students to take the AP tests this spring."

Assistant Superintendent, Jason Parent, said with the different metrics also included "that easily puts us in the top 20 using that metric of all schools in NH and the

top five schools in Division 1."

"So if you did that combination, its very different than just relying on the AP scores," Parent said

Black said when it comes to proficiency scores, it's one area they are working on improving.

"The scores on the Math, Reading, and Science proficiency rates are a more accurate mark on how we are doing in those areas and do speak to our need to "move our numbers" as a school system that we have been focusing on," Black wrote.

For the graduation rate, Black wrote: "The

last metric around Graduation Rate does not seem to add up compared to what we report to the state and how we are "graded" by the state of NH every year."

"Our graduation rate year over year tends to be 98% to 99%," Black wrote. We believe US News & World Report is not categorizing two sets of students in their numbers."

Those students include graduates through Adult Education and students who "have an IEP and may stay at LHS legally through age 22."

The next School Board meeting is slated for June 18 at 7 p.m.

OBITUARY

Carol M. Mays



Carol M. Mays, 84, of Bedford, NH, passed away Friday May 31, 2024 surrounded by her loving family in the Arbors of Bedford. She was born on June 24, 1939 in Chilmark, MA, daughter of the late Elliot and Mildred (Cushman) Mayhew.

She is predeceased by her beloved husband James D. Mays and her brother Edward Mayhew.

She is survived by daughters Cindy Lee Mays and Terri (Mays) Shawver and her husband Steven; grandchildren, Nicole Rutherford and her husband Nicholas, Cassandra Shawver, and Hannah Greene and her husband Brian, Amanda Perry and Jessica True, great grandchildren, Charlie, Aria, Owen, Liam, Maddie and Mary; as well as many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Special expression of appreciation is extended to the staff of the Arbors Assisted Living Facility; Alia, Sheena, Karisma, Fatou, Debbie, Monica, Heather, Mimi, K.C., Daniel, Kara and many many others who supported her with Loving Care, including Lynda Purpura from All American Assisted Living.

Carol had more personality than any one person could ever ask for, loved by so many young and old. Her love of animals, birds, flowers and her home of Martha's Vineyard were the forefront of her conversations. Carol's family will carry her in their hearts forever.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, June 7, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH. The burial will follow in Pillsbury Cemetery, Hovey Rd., Londonderry. Memorial contributions may be made to an Animal Rescue League of your choosing. To send a condolence please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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School Board Approve Bus Driver Drug Testing Policy

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board had a final reading in regards to a policy for mandatory drug and alcohol testing for school bus drivers and contracted carriers.

It was noted that it would be a new policy that replaces an outdated policy.

As part of the statement of policy, it reads "The School Board believes that the safety of students while being transported to and from school or school activities is of utmost importance and is the primary responsibility of the driver of the vehicle."

The policy applies to two different categories of drivers one being school bus drivers, and one being "contracted drivers," which are "drivers of vehicles designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver, which are a contract carrier of passengers that has been contracted by the school."

"Each driver, as well as others who perform safety-sensitive functions with commercial vehicles that transport students, must be mentally and physically alert at all times while on duty," the policy states. "To that end, the Board has established this policy related to the fitness for duty of transportation personnel."

As part of the policy,

medical examination of school bus operators is required.

"In accordance with RSA 200:37, before employing any person as a school bus driver, directly or through a vendor, the District shall require that such persons submit a certificate signed by a licensed physician setting forth the physician's findings as a result of the examination to determine the physical condition of drivers in accordance with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 391.41-391.49," the policy reads.

The policy goes on to state that "Such certificate shall be submitted to the District prior to the commencement of such employment and the District shall retain a copy of such certification. Every 2 years thereafter, either prior to the commencement of the school year or prior to the reemployment of such persons as a school bus driver, the School District shall require submission of a like certificate, except that school bus operators attaining the age of 70 shall be required to undergo an

annual examination and to submit a certificate annually. This provision does not apply to contracted carriers."

Before someone can be hired as a school bus driver, they must have a criminal background investigation "as set forth in RSA 189:13-a and School District policy GBCD. For a school bus driver employed directly by or who volunteers for the District, then the employee will pay for the investigation. If the District contracts with a vendor to provide transportation services, either the vendor or the driver will pay for the investigation at the discretion of the vendor."

In terms of mandatory drug and alcohol testing the policy states "In compliance with the US Department of Transportation's Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 391, all commercial driver's license holders and personnel performing safety-sensitive functions related to the transportation of the students of this School District will be required to submit to drug and alcohol test-

ing."

"Testing procedures and facilities used for the tests shall conform to the requirements of the 49 C.F.R. Part 40. The District and any transportation contractor transporting students on behalf of the District shall utilize the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse to comply with all requirements for drug and alcohol testing and reporting, in accordance with 49 C.F.R. Parts 382 and 391," the policy reads.

A "CDL holder," as part of the policy means "someone who is required as part of their job duties to hold a Commercial Driver's License."

"The term 'safety-sensitive function' refers

to all tasks associated with the operation and maintenance of commercial vehicles. A "commercial vehicle" is any vehicle capable of carrying 16 or more passengers including the driver," the policy states.

In the event the District employs transportation personnel directly "the District will be responsible for ensuring compliance with the Mandatory Drug and Alcohol Testing requirements."

"If the School District contracts with a vendor to provide student transportation services, the vendor shall be the employer and provide assurance to the District on an annual basis that they are in compliance with the

Mandatory Drug and Alcohol Testing requirements," the policy states.

As part of the policy "will include pre-employment, random, reasonable suspicion and post-accident testing as defined by Department of Labor Regulations."

"The School District supports a zero-tolerance policy related to substance abuse. Therefore, any personnel who have a confirmed positive test for drugs or a confirmed alcohol concentration of 0.02 or greater will be terminated from employment," the policy states.

The School Board unanimously approved adopting the policy.



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Editorial

Ethics in Government: Charting the Right Course

Before beginning a discussion of ethics in municipal government, one must understand what ethics entails. The definition of ethics according to Merriam Webster is: "The discipline dealing with what is good and bad; a set of moral principles or values, the principles of conduct governing an individual or a group, a guiding philosophy based simply upon right and wrong."

The public rightfully expects its public and elected officials to conduct themselves with honesty, respect, and integrity. Citizens should demand these standards to function effectively.

Trust is the key to an appropriate relationship between elected & appointed officials and their constituents. An elected official gains the privilege to serve only by earning the trust of a majority of the electorate. Each official must not to compromise that trust in any way once inducted to office.

The topic of open meetings and open records is of central importance to public perception of how government operates. A government functioning in secrecy behind closed doors restricts public access to full information about its operations. Such actions discourage those citizens who wish to participate in the process. It is the duty of the people to openly communicate between citizens and with their government; equally, provisions must be allowed for reasonable constraints where necessary for the efficient operation of government.

A fair balance of communication

must be struck between protecting the integrity of government while maintaining transparency with the public. The people have responsibilities as well. They must stay informed and be vigilant. After all we "the people" are the overseers of our local government.

During the March town election there were five citizen petitions on the ballot. Voters agreed with these petition articles, yet moving forward with them has been stalled. The Town Council has held a number of discussions to "Better understand them."

1. Record all meetings.
2. Have meetings at a time when the majority can attend.

3. Have public comment at the beginning and end of all meetings.

4. Elect the planning board members.

5. Remove the word advisory from the budget committee in the charter to be compliant to RSA 40:14-b.

If you signed the petitions or voted for these, the Council appears to be dismissing your vote.

A proper ethical standard can allow for the optimal conflict-free action in the town while protecting the people from potential misuse of government.

Voters should be able to raise concerns and participate in town process at every level, where the voice and influence of the individual citizen is strongest. Encouraging local self-governance and accountability is critical to securing public participation in government and safeguarding our democratic institutions.

Letters

Open Letter on Complaint Against Councilor

Dear Mr. Malaguti, and Town Council Char Chad Franz,

I write concerning the conduct of Councilman John Farrell at the public Town Council meeting held on April 22, 2024, in the Moose Hill Conference Room at the Londonderry Town Hall. The meeting and the incident occurred in a facility under your control and for which you have responsibility as Town Manager.

On this occasion, during public comment I raised concerns about a possible violation of the Town Charter by an elected official in regard to "Conflict of Interest" as stated in Section 6.2, 6.3 and "Penalties" as stated in Section 8.7. I never mentioned Councilman Farrell's name or the name of any family member. After public comment, at approximately 8 p.m., I left the meeting and went to the hallway of the Town Hall with fellow citizen and witness, Ann Chiampa to have a private discussion. Mr. Farrell left the Meeting through the back door of the Moose Hill Conference Room and entered the hallway.

He immediately approached us in an aggressive manner and he then upon reaching me, pointed his finger directly in my face and yelled, "Go ahead report me to the AG's office, go ahead, bring it on." He then turned and entered the Men's Lavatory. Upon leaving the lavatory, he went to the far end of the hall and waving his arms screaming, "Note: The Londonderry Times was asked to bring it on, bring it on," before returning to the

meeting. This episode was captured on the building's surveillance cameras of which I obtained copies. Mr. Farrell was visibly agitated throughout the entire video. Mr. Farrell's actions certainly could have justified calling the police because both Ms. Chiampa and I were frightened. I felt threatened, intimidated and unsafe by his behavior. I choose to trust the Council to handle this behavior and filed an ethics complaint because it was the only option available and the Town, unfortunately, does not have a documented Code of Conduct as part of its governing documents according to the Town's Human Resource Department. The Town lawyer found no basis for the ethics complaint.

I feel compelled to write to you because of what was done to me and uncovering that this is not the first time Mr. Farrell has conducted himself in this manner and verbally attacked citizens of Londonderry both publicly and privately. Please feel free to contact both Richard Belinski and Debra Paul for further documentation of such behavior. Surely, I, as well as the residents of Londonderry, deserve better. But more fundamentally, no human being deserves to be treated so poorly.

If there is anything you can do to modulate Councilman's Farrell's recurring conduct, it would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristine Perez
Londonderry

Note: The Londonderry Times was asked to run this letter by Ms.

Perez in order to enlighten residents on how she was treated after speaking during public comment at the Town Council.

Wonderful Service – Golden Opportunity

To the editor,

Just a letter to let you know about a special organization in our community that serves a population that really needs our help to maintain their independence and is a unique opportunity to help others while adding extra meaning in our lives.

Community Caregivers is located at 6 West Broadway in Derry. It is a wonderful organization that provides essential support and services to individuals in need. They offer a range of programs and resources to help people maintain their independence, health, and well-being, often focusing on seniors, people with disabilities, and those with chronic illnesses. It helps individuals who are having trouble performing the everyday tasks that living on their own requires - including driving, grocery shopping, household chores, friendly visiting, respite, home maintenance, yard work, etc. In addition, even though many of their clients suffer from the typical difficulties experienced by older and disabled populations, - including increased frailty, difficulty seeing and hearing, isolation, etc. They also serve people with serious medical conditions, like cancer and renal failure.

For all their clients, transportation to and from doctor appointments and medical treat-

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Letters

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Another feature of the Organization is Project Upkeep. It offers home maintenance and repair services to their clients. Trained and vetted "handyman" volunteers make small repairs and do routine maintenance to their client's homes. There is no charge for this service, although clients are asked to reimburse volunteers for the materials used in the repairs if they are financially able to.

Finally, a very special feature of our local Community Caregivers is the Loaner's Closet. The Closet, which started as a small collection of durable medical equipment in their back office, currently has nearly 14,000 pieces of equipment available or out on loan. Equipment available for loan includes bathroom assistance aids, mobility equipment, and various other items such as ankle and leg boots, blood pressure kits etc. You can check out the extensive list at their website: <https://comcaregivers.org>.

Now the sad part is that they have more requests for service than they can service right now. However, it is an amazing opportunity to

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Jim Green
Londonderry

School's New Policy

To the editor,

The school board in Londonderry recently updated a policy regarding drug and alcohol testing for those who transport students, and contractors who perform the same duties. At face value, this is a positive change. Like the district, we as parents and taxpayers want to be sure that our children are being transported by the right people in the

safest means possible without the influence of drugs or alcohol.

The primary issue that I wish to raise with this change is, why now? Why are we now, just now, implementing a policy that requires those who transport children to be substance tested? Should this have not been a standard policy before? Did an incident with our transportation company or with a student prompt this?

It is particularly frustrating for those of us who have asked for expanded background checks for educators for years. Educators who get in trouble in one district without the matter being finalized, often sign a non-disclosure agreement as they leave to accept employment with another district. They are under no legal

requirement to disclose if they signed an NDA for inappropriate conduct prior to being employed in Londonderry.

When those of us who are conscious of who is instructing our children, asked the school board if they could make a policy change regarding background checks, we were told that the school is already performing the legal requirement regarding background checks for educators, and therefore could not do anymore.

However, as has been explained to the school board in the past, the legal standard is the floor, not the ceiling, and it should be as simple as a policy change in order to ensure that the right people are educating our children, just like we ensure that the right people are transporting

them. The argument that more cannot be done because educators have employee privacy rights is insufficient; those who provide transportation, even contractors, have employment rights as well, and if we can add to the terms of their employment by requiring substance testing, then we can add to the terms of educator employment by requiring expanded background checks.

While we all hope and wish that such a reality never comes true, it is unfortunately a shocking statistic that a youth is more likely to have an inappropriate encounter with an educator than they are a neighbor or a member of the clergy. This very month, we are watching a long-time member of our community who used to judge baby con-

tests being tried for child pornography. This time last year, we had a contracted bus driver who was pulled off a route due to inappropriate behavior around children. It is clear that the Londonderry School Board -could- do more to implement more stringent background checks for educators, if only Chairman Slater and the rest of the Board would possess the integrity to do so as our elected officials.

Jonathan Esposito
Londonderry

Here It Comes

To the editor,

Oh boy, we are in for it now! We are going to have to listen to Trump's whining and sniveling all the way to November. He is going to punish us all with his infantile behavior.

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Senior Committee Discuss New Ideas for Larger Expo

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Senior Resources Committee came together on May 21 to discuss plans for Old Home Day and the 2024 Senior Expo.

"The Expo is going to be our third one, our third annual one that's tripled in size and we expect to double again this year in size. It was a real big hit, everyone's looking forward to it," said member, Debbie Desrochers.

As with past Expos, one of the main focuses for Expo organizers was amassing a host of service-oriented vendors for the event. One new idea was to group similar vendors, so anyone look-

ing would be able to shop around while finding a certain type of service in one place.

"If you're interested in assisted living, you can go to the assisted living, but if you're interested in aging in place, staying in home, you'll want to be in the area with the stuff that's aging in place, if you're looking for nursing services or something like that, state services or town services, they're in separate locations," Committee Chair, Jim Green, explained. "You can focus on the things you want."

The Committee expects to see more participation from more senior living vendors

compared to last year. While the first Expo in 2022 saw 34 total vendors, members expect to see over 100 this year, with many returnees such as Meals on Wheels. The event is free for vendors, although there was talk of introducing a small charge. In past years, the town chose to keep things free, to attract vendors for what was a new event.

Looking for some new ideas, Green attended the Silver Linings Senior Healthy Living Expo in Nashua last April.

"I saw a lot of the assisted living, senior housing type people there," said Green.

"There's one group that does senior games, I never knew that existed. There was another thing there called Surrogate Sons and Daughters, there was a lot of people there."

He passed out information on Londonderry's upcoming Expo, expected to happen this fall.

Leach Library Liaison, Erin Matlin, suggested inviting a few vendors for youth-oriented groups, as some older Londonderry residents either care for or assist in caring for teens and children.

"For the Senior Expo, let's invite some of teen-oriented groups to our event," said Matlin.

The Chair had a new banner made for the expected Senior Resources booth at the summer's Old Home Day.

"This will go on the table, it will fold over and I think that will serve rather than putting up a banner that will require a lot of people to help out," said Green, holding up the new banner. "It wasn't expensive."

Members promised to look into what they wanted to do as the event drew closer. Old

Home Day will go from August 14 to 17. scheduled for Tuesday, June 18, at 6 p.m. in the

The next meeting of the Londonderry Senior Resources Committee is Sunnycrest Conference Room.

OBITUARY

Janice Maureen (Stokes) Macneil



Janice Maureen (Stokes) Macneil passed away peacefully at her home in Londonderry, NH on May 23, 2024.

Janice was beloved and survived by her husband of 51 years Steven D. Macneil of Londonderry, NH and her two children: Leigh N. Macneil of Dallas, TX and Keith A. Macneil of Londonderry, NH. Janice will be reunited with her dearly missed youngest son, Aaron, who passed away in 1995 at the age of 4. One of her greatest joys was spoiling and buying too many presents for her 4 grandchildren Kaylyn A. Moore and Liam G. Macneil of Londonderry, NH, Gianna N. and Talia R. Macneil of Dallas, TX and 2 great-grandchildren Aaron D. and Andrew M. Moore of Londonderry, NH. She is also survived by her loving daughters-in-law Renee (Tyzbir) Macneil of Dallas, TX and Angela (Roth) Macneil of Londonderry, NH.

Janice was born on Feb. 11, 1953 in Winchester, MA to Daniel F. and Frances M. (Shea) Stokes both of Stoneham, MA. She was an only child but growing up she was surrounded by many loving cousins, aunts and uncles. A lifelong New Englander, she spent her early childhood in Woburn, MA before her family settled in Stoneham where she would graduate from Stoneham High School Class of 1971.

Her thirst for knowledge pushed her to receive multiple degrees in the Health and Science field. She began her academic journey in 1983 at Middlesex Community College earning her Associates in Liberal Arts and Sciences. In 1987, she received her Bachelor of Sciences in Health Education from UMass Lowell. Janice earned her Masters in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Rivier College in 1996.

Janice's love for learning soon turned into a desire to give back. Her professional career started as a Health educator at Lowell High School, Masconomet Regional High School and then Fairgrounds Junior High School in Nashua, NH. Her diverse skills in the mental health field found her serving as a Senior Crisis Intervention Counselor at the Nashua Youth Council working with emotionally handicapped, abused, and troubled children. Janice would serve and later retire from the Mental Health Center of Greater Manchester as an in-home family Crisis Intervention Counselor.

Janice will always be remembered for her love of family. For generations to come she will always be remembered for her smile, her ability to hide from a camera, her twisted humor, making too much food during the holidays, always worrying about her kids and grandkids, and most of all the love that she shared with the world.

A time of visitation was held on Wednesday, May 29 in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry St., Hudson, NH. Following visitation, there was a funeral procession to Edgewood Cemetery in Nashua. To share an online message of condolence please visit www.dumontsullivan.com The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Letters

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ior, 24/7. Any convicted gangster has more dignity than Trump!

Peter Reilley
Londonderry

Déjà vu

To the editor,

I noticed a letter to the editor of a newspaper published in 1968. The building that we know as the Lions Hall had recently vacated by

the Town. A "Citizens Town Hall Study Committee" had been formed to decide what should be done with the building. Peter Nicholas was the Chairman. A segment of his letter to the editor is transcribed below.

"It seems that we get a lot of advice designed to destroy our historical heritage. What is the reasoning behind the constant effort to change Londonderry, and in fact this Country. Many of the residents here, including

myself, like the reminders that surround us. Reminders of the greatest Country in the world and how it got that way.

Our Londonderry Town Hall, with its approximate 200 years of history, may have a few knocks and nicks but it has heritage of which we can be proud and is still solid, structurally. Is posterity to remember us as the generation that cut future generations off from historical values?"

David Ellis
Londonderry

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OBITUARY

James M. Koehler



James Michael Koehler, 63, of Londonderry NH, died Saturday May 25, 2024. Born in McConnellsburg, PA, April 9, 1961, the son of the late Bill and Jane Koehler.

Jim graduated from McConnellsburg High School in 1979 and shortly after joined the US Army attending basic training at Fort Fix. Jim went on to be an Electronic Warfare/Intercept Systems Repairer for the U.S. Army Intelligence School out of Fort Devens and eventually an instructor for the school completing his enlistment as an E5 with the US Army. Jim then dove into the technology field working for numerous tech giants beginning with Hickok Teaching Systems, GE, Lam Research Corp, Texas Instruments, Intel Corporation and Aeroflex before retiring. Specializing in the Plasma Etch niche of the tech field, Jim held titles such as Prototype Technician, Gyro Analyst, Senior Systems Technician, Group Leader and Tech Specialist. Jim was noted as a technician who could fix near anything and operated with a very detail-oriented work ethic.

Jim grew up hunting and fishing in the valleys of Pennsylvania, eventually sharing that love for the outdoors with his three sons and now grandchildren. Fishing trips to Pulaski, NY became a yearly ritual started by his brother Billy and shared with his father Bill, ultimately including his sons and now grandsons. Orwell Creek was a favorite of Jim and his father Bill. Jim was also a very talented musician playing the saxophone in high school and guitar in the band Ratzalad with Brad Divens of Kix. His love for music was clearly passed down to him from his father, a music teacher of 30 years in Pennsylvania.

Jim's most notable achievement by his own admission was marrying the love of his life Michelle (Lord) Koehler on Feb. 21, 1987. Married for 37 years and building a family of three sons and six grandchildren together. Jim was known for his laugh, love for music and attention to detail on all things to include impeccable cleanliness. He was a man that lived and believed in doing things right the first time, a tenant he continually passed onto his sons.

In addition to his wife, Jim is survived by three sons; Michael James Koehler and wife Sonia Koehler, Sean Koehler and wife Yanet Koehler, and James L. Koehler and wife Jayme Koehler. He also has six grandchildren: Ethan, Kassie, Steven, Otto, Owen, and William. His brother William Koehler and wife Marie Koehler, Paul and Patti Lord, Sean and Ginger Lord, and Marcianne Wanis with significant other Brian Carafa. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews, whom he loved greatly as well.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 8 at 11 a.m., at Orchard Christian Fellowship, 136 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry for family and friends. Internment services to be held at a later date in Pennsylvania.

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ed when meetings overlap and when meetings are sometimes scheduled at a time when it's impossible for the general public to attend.

Resident, Martha Smith, spoke on the subject and asked why the Town Council can't move these changes forward, citing that in prior meetings the council was able to move amendments to the Town Charter forward without opening the charter with a Charter Commission.

Smith asked, "What makes it a significant change to open up the charter to make this a very long process?"

She added, "Some of these issues seem kind of simple to me."

Councilor, John Farrell, responded that the Town Council can't make changes to the charter, it needs to be approved by the voters.

Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, further explained that there is a difference between a charter revision and a charter amendment.

Malaguti said a charter revision is "a change in the form of government", and those type of changes would need to be approved by the state.

He cited the amendment proposed by the Town Council on the March ballot where they

citizens were asked to change the Town Treasurer from an elected position to an appointed one.

Malaguti said, "That doesn't change enough about our form of government, therefore you don't need a Charter Commission to be elected." He added, "The council can recommend it, but the people ultimately have to vote on it."

During the discussion, it was suggested that the process of bringing these warrant articles forward was rushed, and the council needed to take their time in understanding whether or not to move forward with them, saying there might be "unintended consequences."

Paul defended her position with the article, saying that this was one of the first things she had done as a councilor,

four years ago, and she had even discussed it with Malaguti. Adding that she tried to move some of these forward as a member of the board.

Paul also mentioned she was a member of the last Charter Commission, and that the focus of the commission can be limited to only a few items.

She also encouraged the council to just adopt some of the articles that were approved by the voters, saying if the council would adopt these and "lead by example" there wouldn't be a need to make charter changes.

Resident, Anne Fenn, spoke in favor of moving this article forward, suggesting that the issue is basic, "It's basically good government, because you want the public to be involved, you want public participa-

tion, you want volunteers to be on the boards. If all of the meetings are recorded, at least they watch it on TV."

She also added that she was involved in federal government and they always tried to schedule meetings for the evenings or the weekends when people could attend. Fenn finished by saying, "It's just basic to having good government."

Later in the meeting, Paul asked for clarification on what it would entail to move forward with opening the Town Charter.

She was told that beyond what information she was given during the previous meeting and directing her the state statute, the town could not offer any legal advice to citizens on how to proceed.

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Town Common Hosts Third Ukrianian Cultural Fair



This past Sunday, Dobro New England, a non-profit dedicated to offering aid to the Ukraine, held a Ukrainian Cultural Fair on the Town Common. This is the third year they have held the event in Londonderry. The event had many attendees and were able to enjoy Ukrainian food, music, and crafts. They had tables for children to make their own crafts and artisans selling their goods. The group hosts many events throughout the year and offers means to donate in support of the Ukrainian peoples war against Russia. To learn more, visit the Dobro website at dobroinc.org.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancers Baseball Head to Semis After Two Shutouts

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The defending Division I champions, the Lancers, took two steps closer to

another title last week with shutout wins over the Windham Jaguars and the Portsmouth Clippers in the first two rounds of the playoffs.

Londonderry, the number three seed in the playoffs, easily got by Windham (#14) 9-0 in the first round, then went on to beat the Clippers (#11) 3-0 at home on Saturday afternoon.

The victories set up a trip to Holman Stadium for a Semifinals contest against the Exeter Blue Hawks (#2) on Wednesday at 4 p.m.

A win there will put the Lancers in a championship game for the third consecutive year. They will most-likely be battling Pinkerton Academy for the third year in a row.

The LHS squad's quest for a second consecutive title began at home against Windham on Friday, May 31, where Londonderry was able to put up a run in the first inning and eight in the third for their nine-

run win.

Senior pitcher, Joey Cafaro, had another strong outing getting the win on the mound with 13 strikeouts and just five hits allowed. Cafaro pitched the entire game and didn't walk a single batter.

The first inning run was on a catcher's error, allowing senior Jayden Hamilton to score from third base.

The big third inning featured a number of miscues by the Jaguars starting pitcher. Windham's Jake Sullo walked six and hit one batter in the third helping Londonderry to their big inning.

The inning also featured a lead off double by Hamilton, and two singles by junior Brett McKinnon.

The following day, at home, for a quarterfinals match-up against Portsmouth, runs were a bit more scarce, but the



Junior right-hander, Brady Gillis, notched a post-season victory against Portsmouth on Saturday.

Photos by Chris Paul

Lancers were able to come away with another win behind another strong pitching performance.

Junior Brady Gillis

was on the mound for LHS, getting the win with six strikeouts, zero walks, and three hits against the Clippers.

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Centerfieder, Brett McKinnon, makes a catch to end the inning against Portsmouth.

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Lancers Softball Head to Semis With Win Over Jags



Senior slugger and starting pitcher, Olivia Cutuli, smashed two homeruns in her first two at bats against Windham. Photos by Chris Paul

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School softball team took one step closer to a chance at the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association's Division I title after winning their quarter-final game against Windham High School on Saturday afternoon.

The Lady Lancers are slated as the number-one seed in the state championship and are riding a nine-game unbeaten streak as they moved toward the school's first-ever Division I title.

After sitting out the first round of the playoffs on a bye, Londonderry was able to beat the Jaguars 8-1 for a chance to play in the semi-finals against Pinkerton Academy (#5 Seed) on Tuesday, June 4.

Since moving up to Division I back in 2011, LHS has never made the finals. Before that, as a Class L team, Londonderry made three appearances in the finals, in 2001, 2007, and 2010, but fell to Salem in all three attempts.

In the victory against Windham, on

Saturday, June 1, the girls allowed the only Jags run of the game in the top of the first, but then quickly came back with four of their own in the first, on route to their seven-run win.

Senior Olivia Cutuli and sophomore Elizabeth Kearney shared duty in the pitching circle, with Cutuli notching her ninth win of the season.

It only took her two innings to qualify for the win, but she more than helped herself at the plate, going three for three with two home-runs and four runs batted in.

Kearney was also a force at the plate, getting a homerun of her own and going two for two with two RBIs.

The two pitchers had a combined 10 strikeouts, gave up two hits, one run, and zero walks.

Kearney and junior Abby Austen each had doubles in the game.

The Londonderry offense knocked out Windham's starting pitcher in the second inning and had a total of 10-hits.

The four-run first inning for Londonderry featured a two-run



Sophomore Elizabeth Kearney went 2-2 at the plate with a homerun. Photos by Chris Paul

homer over the fence in right for Cutuli, a one-run double for Austen and a single by Shannon Crowley to drive in the fourth run.


Cutuli's second homerun of the game came in her second at bat, this time to center-field for two more runs.

Kearney's homer came in the fifth inning to drive in the final two runs of the game.

Both of the final

games in the playoff will take place at Plymouth State University.

If the Lancers are able to beat the Astros in the semi-finals on Tuesday, after the Londonderry Times deadline, they will move on to play the winner of the game between Winnacunnet (#2) and Bishop Guertin (#11) taking place on Saturday, June 8, starting at 7 p.m.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE

The Londonderry Town Council will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on the following item:

The amendment of the Londonderry Storm-Water Ordinance & Storm Water Regulations, a copy of which is on file in the Town Engineering department.

The public hearing will occur on Monday, June 17 at 7 PM in the Moose Hill Council Chamber at the Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH 03053.

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Lancers Boys' Tennis Players Compete in State Tourney

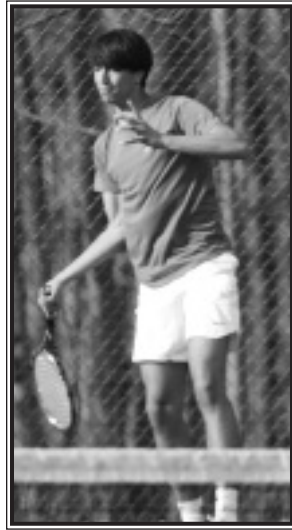
CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Dovetailing off the success of the Londonderry High School Boys' Tennis team this year, four players were able to qualify for the Individual and Team Tennis Championships over the weekend.

The Lancers number one player in the lineup, freshman Neel Chakravarthi, competed on Saturday, June 1, in the in the Boy's Singles

Championship, while junior Aidan Board, junior Connor Lord, and sophomore Jayden Wu were able to play in the double tournament with Chakravarthi the following day.

The singles matches were held in Manchester, at the Memorial and Manchester West courts where the young Chakravarthi was seeded in the eighth spot, making it into the third round out of five rounds of the competition.



Neel Chakravarthi



Aidan Board

Chakravarthi got through the first two rounds with significant wins, beating his competitor from Plymouth in the first round 8-4, then beating his opposition in the second from Dover 8-1.

Chakravarthi eventually fell 4-8 in the third round to the number four seed from St. Thomas.

The following day, in the Boys' Doubles Championship, the team of Chakravarthi and

Board were seeded as the number-six team, where they made it to the third round.

The team had a bye in the first round, then beat their second round opponent 8-0. In the third round, the Lancers team fell to the team from Lebanon 5-8.

The team of Lord and Wu were knocked out in the first round despite being able to force an extra set against their Plymouth opponent in a 9-7 finish.

Lancers Volleyball Head to Post Season Undeclared Again

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Volleyball team kept its perfect record intact as they played the final game of the regular season and are now heading into the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association's

(NHIAA) State Championships as the Number One Seed.

This was the second consecutive season that the Lancers were able to finish the regular season with an undefeated record and the team is hoping to do what no other LHS boys' volleyball squad has managed

to do, finish with a state title.

In the short history of NHIAA Boys' Volleyball, since 2004, Londonderry has reached the finals twice. Last year they finished up with a 1-3 loss to Hollis-Brookline in the championship game and before that, there was a similar 1-3

result to the Salem Blue Devils back in 2011, the first year of switching to a spring sport.

Londonderry finished up the regular season with its eleventh shutout of the year, beating the John Stark Regional High School Generals 3-0, at home on Tuesday, May 28, on what was the team's senior night.

The LHS squad will be losing most of the team to graduation, as eight seniors were honored at the game.

The Lancers handed the General their 13th loss of the season beat-

ing them in straight sets: 25-12; 25-12 and 25-17.

Seniors Tyler Brown, Ethan Munro, Matt Doyle, Connor Koza, Crosby Nolan, Preston Carmody, Jacob Nussdorf, and Alex Harrison all played significant roles in the victory.

Brown had 10 kills, 19 assists, and five aces; Munro got nine kills with 14 assists; Doyle got 15 digs; Koza finished with three kills, five blocks, and five aces; Nolan had two kills and three blocks; Carmody got four kills; Nussdorf added five kills, five blocks, and three aces;

and Harrison finished with five digs.

By virtue of the team's #1 seed, the Lancers got a bye in the first round of the State Championship and were scheduled to host the Dover Green Wave (#8) in the Quarterfinals on Tuesday, June 4.

A win will get them into the Semifinal against either Timberlane (#4) or Hollis Brookline (#5) on Thursday at Nashua South at 7 p.m.

The State Championship is scheduled for Saturday, June 8, at Nashua South starting at 6 p.m.

Baseball

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Sophomore Liam Killelea crossed the plate on a passed ball as a courtesy runner for Jet Jones.

Londonderry got two insurance runs in the sixth inning thanks to an

error in left field on a Jones pop fly, allowing McKinnon to score after his walk.

Speedy junior, Devin Boles, drove in the third run of the game with a triple hit to right field.

A double play and a fly ball to left field finished the game in the

seventh for the final game of the season at Lancers Park.

The win over the Clippers gives the Lancers a chance to redeem one of the regular season losses heading into the semifinals. Londonderry lost to Exeter 2-3 back on April 15, at home.



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Londonderry Girls' Lacrosse Squad Get To Quarterfinals

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' Varsity Lacrosse team finished their regular season winning against Salem, but then fell to Bedford and Bow before heading into the State Championship as the number eight seed.

After beating Salem High School, at home, on Monday, May 20, by a score of 15-4, the team needed to face two tough teams on the road to end the season.

First, the Lancers faced one of the top two teams in the division, Bedford Bulldog squad on May 22, and fell to the #2 seeded team by a score of 10-18.

Despite the outcome, junior goaltender, Jayden Sherwood, had an exceptional game, as she and sophomore Abigail Cook combined for 17 saves.

Sophomore Eres Delorey led the team in scoring with five goals. Senior Kiara Edmunds had two goals, senior Ashleigh Leone put in

two goals and had an assist and freshman Cora Rogers came away with one goal.

Senior Lilah Melia and freshman Addison Doyle each notched two assists, while freshman Lexi Padykula got an assist.

In the final game of the regular season, at Bow High School, on May 23, the LHS squad suffered a tough one-point loss to the eventual #3 seed in the tournament.

Londonderry was able to come back from a four-goal deficit in the second half to send the game to overtime.

The contest was an exciting and competitive back-and-forth game between two evenly matched teams.

Despite winning possession in OT, the girls were unable to cash in for the victory.

Lilah Melia and Ashleigh Leone led the scoring. Melia scored four goals and had an assist, while Ashleigh scored one and tallied five assists.

Ava Naar, Kiara Edmunds, Defender Jill Leonardo, Gabriella Pedrick, and Lexi Padykula each had one goal and Sherwood made eight saves in net.

By virtue of the team's eighth seed in the State Championship, they had the only game in the first round of the Division I playoffs.

The LHS girls were matched up in that game with the number nine-seeded Dover High School at home on Tuesday, May 28.

The Lancers played extremely well and came away with a 12-7 victory in that contest to move onto the quarterfinals.

Multiple goals scorers were, Ashleigh Leone (4), Kiara Edmunds (3), Eres Delorey (3), Ava Naar (1), Cora Rogers (1).

The team received a solid two-way play from midfielders Leone, Delorey, Madison Wholley and Gabriella Pedrick.

After the five-goal win over the Green Wave, Londonderry went on the road to play

the top seeded Portsmouth Clippers.

Despite the girls playing some of their best lacrosse of the year, they fell to the Clippers 11-4. The team's combination of zone and man defense kept the game close and low scoring until halftime, but was not enough against the division's toughest team. Senior defenders, Jill Leonardo and Kaitlyn O'Neill, were standouts against Portsmouth and led a young defense composed of Avery Stowell, Madison Grennon, and Molly Leone all season. Eres Delorey had two goals, Ava Naar and Kiara Edmunds each scored one goal. Gabriella Pedrick notched one assist.

Making the playoffs was an improvement from last year's finish and the team got better over the season and was playing its best lax by the end. The team's seniors will surely be

missed, but there should be a strong nucleus returning to step into those shoes.

OBITUARY

Arthur "Art" Edmund Bauer, Jr.



Arthur "Art" Edmund Bauer, Jr., 66, passed away Friday, May 31, 2024 at his home in Londonderry, NH. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Denise; three sons, Jack, Dan, and Jim; Jack's fiancée, Audrey Blackmon; two sisters, Judy Perry and Linda Moody; brother-in-law, Tommy Moody; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was born on July 12, 1957 in Malden, MA to the late Margaret (McCallan) Bauer and Arthur Bauer. A 1975 graduate of Malden High School, Arthur remained in Malden until meeting Denise at his friend's wedding.

A frugal man who was always reluctant to spend money, Denise was the opposite, often surprising him with home improvement projects and even new pets. Two of those surprises, Corkie the Yorkie and Sandie, quickly became Art's favorite additions to the household, as he spent many of his later years bonding and sharing meals with his loyal companion dogs. As Art's health declined in later years, Denise was not only a wife, but a loving caretaker, accommodating his limited mobility with home renovations, medical transportation, and filling perhaps his most important prescription, laughter.

Although his Dad struggled to figure out how to use his phone, Jack enjoyed their weekly phone calls after moving away from NH. Art's impeccable sense of direction ("shot" cuts) and having a "place for everything" was passed on to his oldest son. Jack's middle name, Arthur, will help keep his Dad's memory alive.

Art also imparted his punny humor, affinity for napkin hoarding, and musicality in middle son, Dan, introducing him to drumming and attending Dan's first concert together.

Jim loved his father very much and always cared about his wellbeing. He shares the same birthday as his Dad, inherited his father's sense of humor, appreciation of the "little things" in life, and the importance of family.

Aside from spending time at home with his family, Art's happy place was behind a drum set. Art was Deep Purple's number one fan and attended countless concerts featuring his favorite bands. He and his bandmates shared not only a stage, but musical memories, camaraderie, and plenty of laughter along the way. Drumming was a true cymbal of Art's happiness. He will be dearly missed.

Calling hours were held on Thursday, June 6, from 9 - 11 a.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A time of sharing began at 11 a.m., in the funeral home. Burial will follow in the Pillsbury Cemetery, Hovey Road, Londonderry. To send a condolence please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Concerts on the Common

This weeks Concert features Jessica Lynn Wednesday, June 12, on the Londonderry Town Common - from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For a complete schedule and more details visit: concertsonthecommon.org/

Flag Day

American Legion Post 27 will hold retire ceremony for flags on June 14, at 6 p.m., in honor of Flag Day.

There will be a ceremony in the backyard and then flags will be retired. The public is invited to drop off flags and can attend the ceremony.

Legion Meeting

American Legion Post 27 will hold their Monthly General Meeting on June 10, at 7:30 p.m. All members are welcome to attend.

Dinosaur Scavenger Hunt

Dinosaurs are hiding throughout the Leach

Library Children's Room, top by the library on Tuesday, June 11 from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. to find a cute little plastic dinosaur that will be yours to keep. The staff will also have special dinosaur coloring and activity pages available. Registration is not required for this program.

Summer Tennis

Don't miss the summer sign ups. Londonderry Tennis Camp is doing their first summer camp June 17

- 21 from 9 - 11 a.m., for children, all levels, ages 7 and older. The camps teach tennis through activities and games, and build on balance, coordination and speed needed for long-term athletic development. Players will be grouped by age and/or ability. Camps will be held at the Londonderry Town Courts, at the LAFA fields on Sargent Road. Signups for the Aug. 19 - 24 camp will begin the end of July. The cost for each session is \$150. Contact Roberta Davis at londonderrytenniscamp@gmail.com to register.

Advanced Tennis

Ace Tennis Academy is a two-week PROGRESSIVE program where players (11 - 17 years), with previous tennis instruction are grouped with players of their own ability and taught leveled, appropri-

ate skills to take their game to the NEXT level. Students will focus on skill development and match play with an emphasis on fun that will foster success and a love of the game. The two-week camp is held from July 29 to Aug. 2 and Aug. 5 to Aug. 9. Sign up by emailing acetenisacademy88@gmail.com. Spaces are limited. Deadline is June 24.

Smithsonian Poster Exhibition

The Smithsonian Institution opened one of its newest museums, the National Museum of African American History and Culture. The celebration continues and reaches beyond Washington, D.C. to Londonderry as the Leach Library presents "A Place for All People: Introducing the National Museum of African American History and Culture." The

commemorative poster exhibition will be on view in the Library Meeting Room on the following dates: Thursday, June 13 from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday, June 14 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Monday, June 17 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. No registration is required.

Rome and Pompeii

Join the Leach Library staff for an evening of history on Monday, June 17 at 6:30 p.m. as UNH Professor R. Scott Smith walks you through Rome and Pompeii's history. Professor Smith explores the archaeological remains of Rome, the "Eternal City," and Pompeii, the town that was buried by the eruption of Vesuvius in 79 AD, and discusses the problems of preserving these ancient ruins. This program is made possible by NH Humanities. Registration

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begins on Monday, June 10.
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Washi Tape Painting

Come to the Leach
Library on Saturday, June
15 at 11 a.m. to make your
very own washi tape paint-
ing! This program is open
to adults and teens (ages 13
and up). Registration
opens on Saturday, June 8
and is limited to 25 partici-
pants. To register, visit the
library's online event calen-
dar or call (603) 432-1132.

Bruce the Bear

Bruce the Bear will be
taking time out of his
adventures for a special
visit to the Leach Library
on Tuesday, June 18 at 11
a.m. and 4 p.m. and Thurs-
day, June 20 at 4 p.m. A cou-
ple of Bruce the Bear sto-
ries will be read by Ryan T.
Higgins, sing a song, and
meet Bruce. There will be
time for a high five and a
picture with Bruce at the
end of his visit. Registration
is required and begins one
week before each session.
To register, visit the
library's online event calen-
dar or call (603) 432-1132.

Crafternoon

Drop in to Crafternoon,
a monthly 90-minute meet-
up for crafters at the Leach
Library! On Wednesday,
June 12 at 4 p.m., bring
your own craft project and
supplies, and work along-
side other local crafters.
No registration is required.
There will not be a meeting
in July and August. For
more information, call the
library at (603) 432-1132.

Walking the Rail Trail

Adults are invited to a

guided walk along the Rock-
ingham Rail Trail with Leach
Library led by Richard Lom-
bard on Thursday, June 20.
They will meet at 10 a.m. at
the Independence Drive
trailhead located at 80-98
Independence Drive in Lon-
donderry. Expect to walk
about 2.8 miles, so a good
pair of walking shoes are
recommended. Participants
are encouraged to bring
water, insect repellent, and
sunscreen. This program
will be offered, weather per-
mitting. Please check the
library's website or Face-
book page for updates. Reg-
istration opens on Thurs-
day, June 13 and is limited to
20 participants. To register,
visit the library's online
event calendar or call (603)
432-1132.

Fan Faire

Stop by the Leach
Library on Friday, June 21
for a special Library After
Dark for Teens program.
Join from 6 - 8:30 p.m. for a
laser tag tournament and
film screening! Teens and
twens will challenge each
other in a series of matches
in the Main Reading Room
until a victor is declared!
On Saturday, June 22, the
fun continues with a vari-
ety of all-day activities in
the Main Reading Room
such as a scavenger hunt,
DIY photo booths, and
more! Head downstairs to
the Meeting Room at 10:30
a.m. for the "Comics Quick-
start: Launch your Super-
hero Story in 90 Minutes!"
presentation by Ryan L.
Higgins. Attendees will
receive a copy of Ryan's
book to keep while sup-
plies last! Registration is
required and space is limit-
ed. Then from 2 p.m. - 4
p.m., complete a variety of
activities to test your abili-
ties during the Capital
Games Training. Try your

hand at camouflage paint-
ing on mini canvases,
wilderness survival, target
practice, and an obstacle
course. Activities will take
place in the Meeting Room
and Library Lawn, weather
permitting. All activities
are open to the public for
ages 8 - 18. Participants
will receive a swag bag
while supplies last and
earn raffle tickets for a
chance to win door prizes.
Registration is required for
all timed programs and
begins on Friday, June 14.
To register, visit the
library's online event cal-
endar or call (603) 432-
1132. All-day activities in
the Main Library do not
require registration.

Summer Craft

Join Leach Library staff
on Monday, June 24 at 10
a.m. for a special summer
children's craft. It will be
coloring a not-so-scary
wooden snake. Crafts will
be provided and staff will
be on hand to offer assis-
tance. Registration is
required and begins on
Monday, June 17. To regis-
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Dragoneers Club

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Join the quest on Monday,
June 24 in Leach Library
Study Room B from 3 - 5
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to all skill levels and is
intended for ages 8-18. Reg-
istration is required and
begins on Monday, June 17.
To register, visit the
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Teen Screen Summer Matinee Movie

Teens and twens are
invited to stop by the
Leach Library Meeting
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Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - May 27

12:38 a.m. Welfare Check on High Range Road conducted by three officers.

4:14 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated at Market Basket, on Michels Way.

7:08 p.m. Four officers investigate a Disturbance on Planeview Drive.

7:39 p.m. Assault investigated on Sunrise Drive.

11:42 p.m. Medical Emergency at the FW Webb Warehouse, on Webb Drive, Taken/Referred to other agency.

Tuesday - May 28

7:11 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated at Insurance Solutions Corp. on Rockingham Road.

7:30 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at the Macgregor Cut apartments on Stonehenge Road.

8:39 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made at the Concord State Prison. Ethan Seavey, 26, of Rochester, charged with: Improper Turning; Stop Signs; Yield Signs; Lane Control; Disobeying an Officer; Driving After Revoke/Suspension; Reck-

less Operation; Operating a Vehicle After Certified as a Habitual Offender; and Driving Without Giving Proof.

10:51 a.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Winterwood Drive.

12:26 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

1:02 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made at the Londonderry Police Department. Emily Kilcoyne, 32, of Exeter, charged with four counts of Theft By Unauthorized Taking of \$0-\$1,000.

3:28 p.m. Three officers investigate a Disturbance on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

4:13 p.m. Welfare Check conducted on Mill Road.

5:17 p.m. Welfare Check investigated on Sunrise Drive.

5:17 p.m. Services Rendered to Keep the Peace on Sunrise Drive.

7:29 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Hidden Ranch Drive, Hooksett.

Wednesday - May 29

5:13 a.m. Medical Emer-

gency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport Taken/Referred to other Agency.

5:29 a.m. Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport Taken/Referred to other Agency.

5:59 a.m. Peace restored by three officers during a Domestic Disturbance on Chartwell Court.

8:51 a.m. Missing Person reported at the Macgregor Cut apartments on Stonehenge Road.

1:39 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat on Crackling Log Lane transported to a hospital.

5:32 p.m. Disturbance investigated by three officers at Park & Ride - South, on Garden Lane.

6:14 p.m. Welfare Check investigated at Alltown on Hampton Drive.

8:09 p.m. Four officers assist another police department with an arrest on Auburn Road, at Wilton Road. Harry Tierney, 65, of Lowell, MA, charged on Bench Warrants.

Thursday - May 30

1:24 p.m. Services ren-

dered for an assault reported on Old Derry Road.

5:50 p.m. Welfare Check investigated on Hickory Hill Drive.

6:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Check on Memorial Drive results in charges made. Joseph Chestnut, 43, of Hollis, charged with: Drive After Revoke/Suspended - Administrative License Suspension; and Suspension of Vehicle Registration.

Friday - May 31

12:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop on South Road, at Gilcreast Road, lead to an arrest. Jacob Howard, 24, of Derry, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and Yellow/Solid Line Violation.

8:24 a.m. Welfare Check conducted on Chartwell Court.

9:40 a.m. Ten officers render services for a Sudden Death on Chartwell Court.

10:11 a.m. Services Rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Eglin Boulevard.

11:09 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Wedgewood Drive.

11:10 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Awesome Cards, Collectibles, & Games on

Nashua Road.

2:27 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Threatening on Harvey Road.

4:39 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated at the LAFA Complex on Nelson Road.

5:58 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Park & Ride - South, on Garden Lane.

7:10 p.m. Services rendered by five officers for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud reported on Olde Country Village Road.

10:38 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Clark Road

11:27 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Cheshire Court.

Saturday - June 1

2:39 a.m. A motor vehicle stop on Gilcreast Road, at Albany Avenue, leads to an arrest. Alex Rivera, 25, of Londonderry, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; Yellow/Solid Line Violation; Avoidance of Traffic Signal; Possession, Etc.; Residual Amount; Controlled Drug (Controlled Premises Where Drugs Kept); Transport Drugs in a Motor Vehicle; and two counts of Possession of Marijuana (3/4oz or Less).
2:01 p.m. Disturbance at

603 Brewery Block Party on Main Street leads to an arrest made by five officers. Zachary Belanger, 26, of Andover, MA, charged with: Simple Assault (Physical Contact or Bodily Injury); Disorderly Conduct; Resisting Arrest/Detention.

3:09 p.m. Shooting Complaint investigated on Wiley Hill Road

5:13 p.m. Peace restored by three officers after a Domestic Disturbance on Old Nashua Road.

7:54 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud reported at the N.H. Liquor Store on Michels Way.

9:11 p.m. Peace Restored during Neighborhood Disputes on Treadway Lane.

Sunday - June 2

5:02 a.m. Services Rendered for a Medical Emergency at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

2:46 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services at Red Arrow Diner, on Rockingham Road.

3:09 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Pendleton Lane.

5:44 p.m. Peace restored by three officers during Neighborhood Disputes on Alexander Road.

Around Town

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Room on Thursday, June 27 at 1:30 p.m. to enjoy a screening of the 2005 hit film that follows the Pevensie siblings on their first trip through the wardrobe into C. S. Lewis's enchanted world of Narnia (rated PG). Popcorn served. Registration not required.

Cupcake Decorating

Come to the Leach Library on Wednesday, June 26 at 1 p.m. or 4 p.m. for a fun way to start the summer: decorating beach-themed cupcakes! Using frosting, candy, and crackers, library staff will show children ages 4 and older how to create cute and delicious beach cupcakes. Please let us know if children have food allergies when registering. Registration is required and begins on Wednesday, June 19. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or

call (603) 432-1127.

Community Story Time

Leach Library's Community Story Time will feature special guest readers and familiar faces from around Londonderry. July sessions will take place on Mondays, July 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 10 a.m. Check with the children's room staff for more details. Registration is required and begins one week prior to each session. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Stories with Oscar

The latest addition to the Leach Library family, Oscar the Tortoise, loves meeting new people, will hold a summer story time. On Tuesdays in July at 10 a.m., join for stories and a visit with Oscar. Sessions will be held July 9, 16, 23, and 30. Registration is required and begins one week prior to each session. To register, visit the

library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

D.I.Y. Spa Day

Take time for yourself and relax on Tuesday, June 25 from 2 - 4 p.m., at the Leach Library. During this program, teens and tweens will make their own lip balm, bath bomb, hair ties, and foot soak! All materials will be supplied. Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, June 18. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Cupcake Decorating Contest

Channel your inner artist on Tuesday, July 2 from 2 - 4 p.m., at the Leach Library. During this program teens and tweens will compete for bragging rights to best cupcake, messiest design and other fun awards during the themed challenges. All materials will be provided. Registration is required

and begins June 25, 2024. Visit the library's online calendar or call the library to register. Visit the library's online calendar or call the library to register.

Board Games & Bagels

Adults are invited to drop by the Leach library on Wednesday, July 3 at 10:30 a.m. to play board games and eat some bagels. Feel free to bring your favorite board game or use one of the library's! The goal of this program is to make friends, relax, and enjoy some new (or not so new) games. Registration opens on Wednesday, June 26. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Cookbook Potluck

Love to cook and bake? Then this is the perfect program for you! Join Leach Library staff on Wednesday, July 17 at 12:30 p.m. for an appetizer-themed potluck.

Prepare and share a recipe from either Brilliant Bites by Maegan Brown or Martha Stewart's Appetizers by Martha Stewart. Registration opens on Wednesday, June 12 and is limited to 15 participants. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132. Copies of the books will be available to check out at the library's main desk.

Film Discussion

It's like a book discussion but with a movie! Watch the classic shark adventure film (1975, rated PG) prior to the program and then come to the Leach library on Monday, July 29 at 6:30 p.m., to discuss it. Light refreshments will be served. Registration opens on Monday, June 24 and is limited to 15 participants. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132. Copies of the DVD will be available to check out at the library's main

desk. The film will also be screened at the library during Family Fun Night on Friday, July 26 at 6:30 p.m. (registration is required).

Summer Raffle Fundraiser

From Saturday, June 1 through Saturday, June 29, the Friends of the Leach Library will offer a Summer Raffle. Raffle tickets may be purchased at the library's Main Circulation Desk during operating hours for \$1 each or 15 for \$10. Raffle prizes include tickets, gift cards, and memberships to local museums and attractions. All proceeds will benefit the library.

Summer Reading

Leach Library's Summer Reading Program sign-ups for children, young adults, and adults begin on Saturday, June 1. Visit the library to register and pick up program information from June 1 - Aug. 31.

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Presented by the Londonderry Arts Council

Londonderry Concerts on the Common returns June 5 to Aug 14, 7:00-8:30! Enjoy 12 weeks of FREE family friendly music (rain or shine). This will be our 24th season!

2024 Concert Schedule

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- 5th LHS Jazz Ensembles
- 12th Jessica Lynn
- 19th Neurotic Gumbo
- 26th Delta Generators

July

- 3rd Joslyn & The Sweet Compression
- 10th Couch
- 17th Brian Maes Band
- 20th Mr. Aaron and Band—Saturday Kids Concert!
- 24th East Coast Soul
- 31st Chicago Total Access

August

- 7th Martin and Kelly
- 14th Studio Two – Beatles Tribute Band

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